

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A stain resistant coating composition, which comprises:

(F') a modified resin having an organosilicate structure part and an acrylic resin structure part that is prepared by polymerizing a mixture of polymerizable monomers for-an constructing the acrylic resin-synthesis containing both of a hydroxyl group-containing radical polymerizable monomer and an epoxy group-containing radical polymerizable monomer, structure part in the presence of a non-radical polymerizable organosilicate for constructing the organosilicate structure part, wherein the mixture of polymerizable monomers for constructing the acrylic resin structure part contains both (i) one or more hydroxyl group-containing radical polymerizable monomers, and (ii) one or more epoxy group-containing radical polymerizable monomers, wherein the content of the hydroxyl group-containing radical polymerizable monomers is from 1 to 15 percent by weight of all monomers for constructing the acrylic resin structure part, wherein the content of the

epoxy group-containing radical polymerizable monomers is from 5 to 60 percent by weight of all monomers for constructing the acrylic resin structure part, and wherein the non-radical polymerizable organosilicate is represented by formula (2):



wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and n is 0 or 1, and/or a condensate thereof, and

optionally (B) a compound having in the molecule at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid anhydride group and a carboxyl group blocked with an alkylvinyl ether compound.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The stain resistant coating composition as claimed in claim 10, which further comprises (C) an organosilicate represented by formula (1):

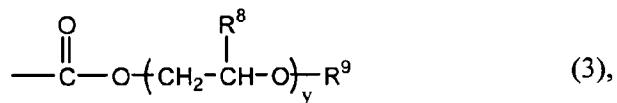


wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and m is 0 or 1, and/or a condensate thereof.

Claim 12 (original): The stain resistant coating composition as claimed in claim 11, wherein the content of ingredient (F') is in the range from 3 to 80 percents by weight, the content of ingredient (B) is in the range from 3 to 80 percents by

weight, and the content of ingredient (C) is in the range from 0.1 to 30 percents by weight.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The stain resistant coating composition as claimed in any one of claims 10 through 12, wherein the acrylic resin structure part in the modified resin of ingredient (F') has one or more organic groups represented by formula (3):



wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, R<sup>9</sup> is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and y is an integer from 1 to 10.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method of coating which comprises applying a top coating composition comprising a pigment and the stain resistant coating composition as claimed in claim 10 on a coated article, wherein the content of the pigment is in the range from 0 to 200 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of all nonvolatile matters of ingredients (F'), (B) and (C).

Claim 15 (previously presented): A method of coating a substrate with a multilayer paint film which comprises applying a colored film forming composition on the substrate to form a base coat, followed by applying a clear film forming composition on the base coat to form a clear top coat, wherein the top coat clear film forming composition alone or both of the top coat clear film forming composition and

the colored film forming composition comprises the coating composition as claimed in claim 10.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A method of coating which comprises applying a colored base coating composition on a substrate, followed by applying an under clear coating composition on the uncured base coat, and baking the base coat and the under clear coat, and then applying an over coat clear coating composition on the under clear coat and baking the over clear coat, wherein the under clear coating composition is selected from the group consisting of an acrylic resin /aminoplast resin coating composition, an acrylic resin /urethane resin hardener coating composition and an acrylic resin /aminoplast resin /urethane resin hardener coating composition, and the over coat clear coating composition comprises the coating composition as claimed in claim 10.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of coating as claimed in claim 16, which comprises applying a colored base coating composition on a substrate, followed by applying an under clear coating composition on the uncured base coat, and baking the base coat and the under clear coat, and then applying an over coat clear coating composition on the under clear coat and baking the over clear coat, wherein the under clear coating composition comprises a resin mixture of 40 to 80 percents by weight of (a) a hydroxyl group-containing and epoxy group-containing acrylic resin, 0 to 60 percents by weight of (b) an aminoplast resin and 0 to 60 percents by weight of (c) a urethane resin hardener as main component.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A coated article obtained by the method of coating as claimed in claim 10.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A coated article obtained by the method of coating as claimed in claim 15.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The stain resistant coating composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the ~~modified resin (F')~~ is prepared by polymerizing a mixture of polymerizable monomers for ~~an~~ constructing the acrylic resin synthesis structure part containing a hydroxyl group containing radical polymerizable monomer, an epoxy group containing radical polymerizable monomer, and another ~~further comprises (iii) one or more additional polymerizable monomer, in the presence of the non radical polymerizable organosilicate represented by formula (2), wherein said another polymerizable monomer is~~ monomers selected from the group consisting of methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, n-propyl acrylate, isopropyl acrylate, n-butyl acrylate, isobutyl acrylate, sec-butyl acrylate, hexyl acrylate, cyclohexyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, octyl acrylate, lauryl acrylate, stearyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, n-propyl methacrylate, isopropyl methacrylate, n-butyl methacrylate, isobutyl methacrylate, sec-butyl methacrylate, hexyl methacrylate, cyclohexyl methacrylate, 2-ethylhexyl methacrylate, octyl methacrylate, lauryl methacrylate, stearyl methacrylate, styrene, acrylonitrile, methacrylonitrile, acrylamide, methacrylamide, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, itaconic acid, methaconic acid, maleic acid and fumaric acid.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The stain resistant coating composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the non-radical polymerizable organosilicate is one selected from the group consisting of tetrahydrosilane, tetramethoxysilane, tetraethoxysilane, tetrapropoxysilane, tetrabutoxysilane, tetraphenoxy silane, dimethoxydiethoxysilane, methyltrimethoxysilane, methyltriethoxysilane, phenyltrimethoxysilane, phenyltriethoxysilane, butyltrimethoxysilane, hexyltrimethoxysilane, decyltrimethoxysilane, ethoxytrimethoxysilane, propoxytrimethoxysilane and butoxytrimethoxysilane, and condensates thereof.